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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 2 December 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Programme of work

Cyprus

Briefing by Mr. Diego Cordovez, Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Cyprus

Other matters

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Briefing by the Secretariat

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY
FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	1st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

3 p.m. 59th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Question of Palestine [36] :

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/52/35);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/581);

(c) Letter from the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/52/571).

(d) Letter from Namibia (A/52/704);

(e) Draft resolutions (A/52/L.49, L.50. L.51, L.52, L.53).

Open-ended informal consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157
(United Nations reform: measures and proposals)

3 p.m. Conference Room 5

Informal Consultations on the draft proposal under item 157 conducted by H.E. Mr. Legwaila Joseph Legwaila (Botswana) and H.E. Mr. John Campbell (Ireland).

Informal consultations

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

3 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and all its sub-items conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 46th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(b) Trade and development

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.23

2. Sustainable development and international economic co-operation [97]

(d) International migration and development, including the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.14 and L.35

(f) First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.30 and L.34

(i) Cultural development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.10 and L.33

3. Operational activities for development [99]

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.7 and L.36

4. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [101]

Action on of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.6/Rev.1

3 p.m.- 5 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7

Progress report by the coordinators on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/52/L.12 (item 97 (b)); A/C.2/52/L.19 (item 98 (f)); A/C.2/52/L.20 (item 98 (d)); A/C.2/52/L.27 (item 97 (f)); A/C.2/52/L.31 (item 97 (h)); A/C.2/52/L.11 (item 97 (a)); A/C.2/52/L.15 (item 97 (c)); A/C.2/52/L.18 (item 97 (e)); A/C.2/52/L.17 (item 97 (g)); A/C.2/52/L.22 (item 98 (b)); A/C.2/52/L.21 (item 98 (c)); A/C.2/52/L.25 (item 98 (e)); and A/C.2/52/L.29 (item 98 (g))

5 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/52/L.2 and L.4 (item 95 (a)); A/C.2/52/L.3 (item 95 (c)); A/C.2/52/L.5 (item 99 (a)); A/C.2/52/L.9 (item 99 (b)); A/C.2/ 52/L.8 (item 95 (d)); A/C.2/52/L.13 (item 96 (b)); A/C.2/52/L.16 (item 96 (a)); A/C.2/52/L.24 and L.26 (item 95 (b)); A/C.2/52/L.28 (item 12); and A/C.2/52/L.32 (item 100)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 4

United Nations common system [121] (A/52/30 and A/C.5/52/22)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (United Nations common system (A/52/30, A/52/439, A/C.5/52/18 and A/C.5/52/22))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 (A/52/6/Rev.1 (Vol. I and II), A/52/16 and Add.1, A/52/7 and Chapter II, Parts I-XII, A/C.5/51/53, A/C.5/51/57, A/C.5/52/15 and A/C.5/52/20))

6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on agenda items 143 (Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/51/432, A/51/530 and Corr.1, A/51/801, A/52/426, A/52/464 and A/C.5/52/12)) and 114 (Review of the efficiency of the administration and financial functioning of the United Nations: Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/51/933, A/52/339 and Add.1 and A/52/575))

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* Following the adjournment of the 35th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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DISARMAMENT COMMISSION

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	217th meeting	Conference Room 3

PREPARATORY COMMITTEE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

WORKING GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

WORKING GROUP ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF CRIMINAL LAW

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Revised estimates in respect of items with which the Security Council is seized

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), *today*, 2 December 1997, at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room B.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 2 December 1997

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES
(on Fifth Committee matters)

9.15 a.m.- 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE
(on the proposed programme budget)

1.30 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES: WORKING GROUP ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(briefing by the Coordinators on the current resolutions under negotiation)

6 p.m.- 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Announcement

As from *today*, 2 December 1997, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at *1.15 p.m.* in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 3 December 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 60th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme: note by the Secretary-General (A/52/695) [16 (d)].

2. The situation in the Middle East [37]:

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/52/467, A/52/581);

   (b) Draft resolutions (A/52/L.54, L.55).

3 p.m. 61st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

The situation in the Middle East [37]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/52/467, A/52/581);

(b) Draft resolutions (A/52/L.54, L.55).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7
3 p.m.	47th meeting	Conference Room 2
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7

* Following the adjournment of the 47th meeting of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 36th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and all its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria) on Thursday, 4 December 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the ad hoc informal open-ended support group to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons will take place on Friday, 5 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. Delegates are invited to present information on developments at the national level in preparation for the year.

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COMMISSION ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

There will be briefing by the Chairman of the Commission for Social Development on the preparations for the next session of the Commission on Tuesday, 9 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 1998* on Monday, 15 December 1997, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Informal meeting

In the context of the Presidential Statement (S/PRST/1997/ 46) adopted by the Ministerial Meeting of the Security Council on Africa on 25 September 1997, and the 1 November 1995 report of the Secretary-General on Improving Preparedness for Conflict Prevention and Peacekeeping in Africa (S/1995/ 911-A/50/711), the Secretariat is convening a meeting on enhancing African capacity for peacekeeping. The meeting, which is open to all interested Member States and will be chaired by Mr. Bernard Miyet, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, will be held on Friday, 5 December 1997, at 3.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Orientation course on the Security Council for members of the Council

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing an orientation course on the Security Council for members of the Council from Monday 8 to Thursday 11 December 1997, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent representatives of those States that will be members of the Council in 1998. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 26 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 48th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [103]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.5 and programme budget implications contained in A/C.3/52/L.43

The Secretary of the Committee read out revisions to the programme budget implications of the draft resolution, contained in document A/C.3/52/L.43.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 103.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [110]

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.31/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that Turkey was an original sponsor of the revised draft resolution.

Following a statement by the representative of the United States, the Committee agreed to postpone consideration of the draft resolution.

Human rights questions [112]:

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.36/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

El Salvador, France, Israel, Monaco, Nicaragua, Poland, the Russian Federation, the Solomon Islands, Ukraine and Turkmenistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Canada orally revised and corrected the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica, Cuba, India, the United States, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Denmark, Norway, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Sudan.

A vote was requested on operative paragraph 21 of the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted operative paragraph 21 by a recorded vote of 97 to 4, with 41 abstentions.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

The representative of Yemen made a statement regarding his vote on operative paragraph 21.

Following statements by the representatives of the Sudan and Cuba, the Committee adopted the draft resolution as a whole.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.58

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Republic of Korea, the Sudan, Tajikistan and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Turkey orally revised the draft resolution.

Following statements by the representatives of Turkey, Algeria and Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), the Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 97 to none, with 57 abstentions.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Australia, Argentina, Norway, Lebanon, Peru, the Syrian Arab Republic and Mexico.

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.66/Rev.1

China and Paraguay joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Colombia orally corrected the draft resolution.

The Committee agreed to postpone consideration of the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.67

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

China, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Mali and Nicaragua joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Colombia orally revised the draft resolution, which was then adopted, as orally revised.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.68

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, the Netherlands, Portugal, Romania and Spain joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Following a statement by the representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Committee adopted the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.70

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out the revisions which had been made to the draft resolution.

Following statements by the representatives of Nigeria and the Niger, the Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 79 to 15, with 56 abstentions.

The representative of Algeria made a statement with regard to the vote on the draft resolution.

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.75

Following a statement by the Chairman, in which he informed the Committee that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications, the Committee adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.73

The representatives of Honduras, the Dominican Republic, the Niger, Papua New Guinea and the Syrian Arab Republic made statements with regard to the vote on the draft resolution.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Nicaragua, Honduras, Turkey, the Syrian Arab Republic, Iraq and Cuba.

49th meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [110]

The committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft proposals

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.31/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Norway, Portugal and Sweden joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania orally revised the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Austria, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Liechtenstein, Poland, the Republic of Moldova, Romania and Spain joined in sponsoring the orally revised draft resolution.

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of position.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.38/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the statement on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution is contained in document A/C.3/52/L.74.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania orally revised the draft resolution.

A statement in explanation of position was made by the representative of the United States.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and Canada.

The Committee concluded its consideration of agenda item 110.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [112 (b)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.66/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

A statement was made by the representative of Colombia.

The representative of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union) proposed an amendment to the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Colombia, Canada, the United Republic of Tanzania, Kenya, the Netherlands, Cuba, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union) and the Sudan.

The Committee suspended action on the draft resolution.

Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [112 (c)]

Action on draft proposals

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.65

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Canada orally revised the draft resolution, after which the meeting was suspended.

Upon resumption of the meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, France, the Sudan, Spain, Algeria, China and Costa Rica.

The Committee agreed to suspend rule 56 of the rules of procedure, after which it adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.69/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Norway and Poland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representatives of the Russian Federation spoke on a point of order.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan, the United States, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), Egypt, New Zealand, Costa Rica, Norway and Spain.

A statement was made by the Chairman, after which a vote was requested on the draft resolution. Statements were made by the representatives of Croatia, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), the United States and the Netherlands.

The representatives of Egypt, Singapore, Jordan, Greece, Lebanon, Bahrain, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Syrian Arab Republic, Saudi Arabia, Mauritania, Myanmar, the Sudan, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Senegal, Oman and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made statements in explanation of vote before the vote.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 123 to 2, with 24 abstentions.

The representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the Russian Federation made statements in explanation of vote after the vote.

Subsequently, statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, Morocco, Costa Rica, Tunisia and the Niger.

Right of reply

Statements were made by the representatives of Turkey and Cuba in the exercise of their right of reply.

50th meeting

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [112 (b)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.66/Rev.1

The Committee resumed action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.66/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), Colombia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement) and the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77).

A vote was requested on the amendment proposed by the representative of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union).

The amendment was rejected by a vote of 37 to 96, with 8 abstentions.

A vote was requested on the draft resolution as a whole.

A statement was made by the representative of Colombia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement).

Before the vote, statements were made by Canada, Australia, Slovenia, Norway (on behalf of the Nordic countries, as well as the Netherlands and the United Kingdom) and Japan.

The draft resolution was adopted by a vote of 104 to 12, with 33 abstentions.

After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Liechtenstein, the Russian Federation, New Zealand, France, Germany and Spain.

Subsequently, a statement was made by the representative of China.

Draft decision

The Committee recommended to the General Assembly that it decide to take note of a number of reports under item 112.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 112, with the exception of sub-item (d) which would be kept open in order to allow the Working Group of the Third Committee to conclude its work.

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Austria, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), Mexico, Australia and Côte d'Ivoire.

The representative of the Secretariat responded to questions raised in the discussion.

The Committee then adopted the draft biennial programme of work for 1998-1999.

The Committee took note of the report of the Economic and Social Council, contained in document A/52/3, in particular chapters I, IV and V (Sections A, B, C, and H) and chapter VII, which were allocated to the Third Committee and adopted the draft decision.

Conclusion of the work of the Third Committee

Statements were made by the representatives of Colombia (on behalf of the countries of the Non-Aligned Movement), Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Pakistan, South Africa (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), Australia (on behalf of the Western European and Other states), Lesotho (on behalf of the Group of African states), Lebanon, Costa Rica, Belarus (on behalf of the Group of Eastern European states), the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the United States and the United Kingdom.

The Chairman made a statement after which the Committee concluded its work.

Monday, 1 December 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

58th plenary meeting

Question of Palestine [36]:

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/52/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/581)

(c) Letter from the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/52/571)

The General Assembly heard a statement by the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

The Rapporteur of the Committee introduced the Committee's Report (A/52/35).

In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 43/177 of 15 December 1988, the Head of the Observer Delegation of Palestine made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Bangladesh, Indonesia, the Niger, China, Israel, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Algeria and the United Arab Emirates.

In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 43/177 of 15 December 1988, the observer of Palestine made a statement in reply.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 45th meeting

The Secretary-General addressed the Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 34th meeting

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [135]

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [137]

The Committee began its consideration of these agenda items and heard an introductory statement by the Controller who also introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/52/4 and Corr.1 and A/C.5/52/13).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports (A/52/696 and A/52/697) of that Committee.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [114]

Strengthening of external oversight mechanisms

In his capacity as Coordinator of informal consultations on this question, the representative of Pakistan (Mr. Amjad Hussain B. Sial), made a statement and proposed an oral decision.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the oral decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question at this stage.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE
OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS
OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE 234th meeting

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Chairman made a statement.

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The President of the Security Council made a statement.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine read out a message from Mr. Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization and President of the Palestinian Authority.

The Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories made a statement.

The representative of Colombia read a message of the Chairman of the Heads of State and Government of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries.

The representative of Indonesia read a message of the Chairman of the Islamic Conference.

The representative of Zimbabwe read a message of the Chairman of the Organization of African Unity.

The Under-Secretary-General of the League of Arab States read a message of the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States.

The representative of the International Coordinating Committee for NGOs on the Question of Palestine made a statement.

Messages on the occasion were received from the Heads of State of the following countries: Afghanistan, Algeria, Brunei Darussalam, Cyprus, Egypt, Guinea, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Jordan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Namibia, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Viet Nam.

Messages were received on the occasion from the Heads of Government of the following countries: Bangladesh, China, India, Malta, Mauritius, Pakistan, Thailand and Turkey.

Messages were received from the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the following countries: Brazil, Japan, Singapore, Syrian Arab Republic, Republic of Korea and Ukraine .

Messages were received from the Governments of Argentina, Guyana, Malaysia and Uruguay.

A message was received from the President of the Council of Ministers of the European Union and the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

A message was received from UNESCO.

Messages were received on the occasion from the following non-governmental organizations: African Committee of the World Peace Council, Association of Women of the Mediterranean Region, Association for Analysis of the Society and Political Education, Asociación Cultural Israelita de Cordoba, Association Sénégalaise des Professeurs d'histoire et de géographie, Committee for Israeli-Palestinian Dialogue, Indo-Palestine Solidarity Organization, Latin American Confederation of YMCAs and The Palestinian Network in Sweden.

A statement was made by the Head of the Political Department of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

A concluding statement was made by the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Seventeenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 1 DECEMBER 1997

46th and 47th meetings

Day of General Discussion [8]

The Committee held its Day of General Discussion. It discussed the normative content of the right to food (Article 11 of the Covenant).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1995, concluded at Geneva on 17 February 1995

Extension of the time period for the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval to 31 December 1998: Retroactive from 2 January 1998

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction, concluded at Oslo on 18 September 1997

The Convention will be open for signature at Ottawa, Canada, by all States from 3 December 1997 until 4 December 1997, and at the United Nations Headquarters in New York thereafter until its entry into force, in accordance with its article 15.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day of Disabled Persons

Exhibition

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in cooperation with the Department for Public Information and the Very Special Arts organization, affiliated with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (Washington, D.C.), will present an exhibition entitled "A Very Special Arts Exhibit". The exhibition will continue until 5 January 1998 in the First Basement of the General Assembly Building (at the "Viennese Cafe").

Panel Discussion

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in cooperation with the Department for Public Information and the Very Special Arts organization, affiliated with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (Washington, D.C.), will hold a panel discussion on "Creating Opportunities in the Arts for People with Disabilities" *today*, 2 December 1997, from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m in Conference Room 4. The panel, moderated by Mr. Kenneth Fries, author and educator, will be followed by a question-and-answer session. All members of delegations, Sec-retariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

International Day of Disabled Persons
(3 December 1997)

The observation of the International Day of Disabled Persons will take place on Wednesday, 3 December 197, from 1 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. in the Visitors' Lobby of the General Assembly Building, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/3 of 14 October 1992. The observation will include the presentation of the message of the Secretary-General on the Day and reading of a "Proclamation" issued by the Office of the Mayor of New York City.

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in co-operation with Department of Public Information, and the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations, will host a performance of traditional Japanese drumming - *Zuiho Daiko* in the Public Lobby immediately following the presentations officially observing the Day. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Screening of films

In commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of a series of films until Friday, 5 December 1997 at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, at 1 p.m. as follows:

Today, 2 December	"Speaking of Peace"
3 December	"Voices from Jerusalem" "On the Brink of Despair"
4 December	"Then and Now"
5 December	"Seeds of War in Jerusalem"

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian cultural exhibition entitled "At Home in Palestine," in commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibition will be displayed at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Sunday, 7 December 1997.

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